



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

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**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Administrator/ Safeguarding:** Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

[www.rcstortford.org.uk](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk)

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8 October 2023

## Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)  
Fr Marco Lazzaron (*Asst Priest*)



## ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Come and join us at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

**COURSE—** The next two-part baptism preparation course will be on 15 and 22 January 2024 at 8:00 pm via Zoom. You are required to attend a course before you arrange a date for your child's baptism. Please contact the parish office to book.

**MARY'S MEALS—** request unwanted foreign currency no matter how old or obscure so please just drop any currency in the collection basket. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. Your foreign currency can help feed a hungry child. UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender accepted. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

## THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Count number 3 is this weekend

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**PRISONERS' SUNDAY—** This weekend, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the President of PACT (the Catholic charity 'Prison Advice and Care Trust') invites you to join him in supporting this cause with donating to a second collection. [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk). Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate a Prisoners Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 5.30pm.

**YOUTH NIGHT IS BACK!—** Friday 20 October 2023 6.30-8.30pm in the parish centre - After a wonderful summer break and a month or so to settle back into the school routine, we are excited to start our monthly youth nights once again. These are open to all those in Secondary School (school years 7 to 13). Each evening is different and they are an opportunity to spend time with other young parishioners in a comfortable atmosphere, building community together through shared activities and also experiencing different types of prayer together, to grow our faith. The first youth night of this academic year will be an "art night", where we produce pieces of art based on bible passages - it will be fun and relaxing. Refreshments are available and new faces are most welcome! If it will be your first time at one of our youth nights, you will need a parent to drop you off and fill in a permission form. For any queries, please email Sophie: [bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk)

**CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION APPLICANTS 2023-2024—** Please check your email inboxes AND junk mail boxes for an email from the parish (ending in [rcdow.org.uk](http://rcdow.org.uk)), as you have now all been sent information regarding the programme this year and forthcoming meetings. If you haven't received any such emails, please call Sophie urgently on her work mobile: 07946 51 51 81

**YOUNG CATHOLICS AND THE MEDIA:** On Thursday 26 October is "Resonate" - An event for young Catholics who are 18 -35 ish. This month, Zuzana Revayova, a journalist in radio, will speak on the topic: "What is Truth? A Catholic Journalist's Guide to the Media". For more info: [www.rcstortford.org.uk/oct2023resonate](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk/oct2023resonate). On Saturday 28 October is a day-long training workshop given by an experienced speaker and catholic media figure, Brendan Thompson. He will be speaking on how to defend your faith, without raising your voice. For more info: [www.rcstortford.org.uk/mediaworkshop](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk/mediaworkshop)

**TAMPERING WITH FIRE BLANKETS—** For the past few weekends after the 9am Mass at St Joseph's, someone has been pulling on the tabs and releasing the fire blanket from its box in the Lady Chapel next to the candle stand. To prevent any injury or damage with lit candles & matches please do not leave children unattended in this area. Thank you.

**HOLY TRINITY QUIZ NIGHT —** 21 October 7pm for a 7:30pm Start £12 per person including fish & chip supper (or equivalent) Teams of up to eight people Please provide your own tittle and nibble of choice! Contact John Wrentmore [john.wrentmore@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.wrentmore@ntlworld.com) 07879 412087

**HARVEST APPEAL AT THE FOOD BANK**  
Most needed items-crisps, chocolate, tinned fruit & veg, sponge puddings, biscuits, tea, coffee, fruit juice, cereal, tinned meat & fish, jam, honey, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, UHT milk, soup, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, household cleaning items, nappies size

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**THE NIGHT SHELTER—** requires a Treasurer/Trustee (9 hours per month). If interested please contact Tim weeks on 01279 831404 / 0797486 6016, or via email, [twinkle21847@gmail.com](mailto:twinkle21847@gmail.com).

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—** please place your family fast day envelopes in the collection basket. Thank you.

**THE GOOD COUNSEL BLACK TIE BALL—** 6pm Saturday 18 November 2023 Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For info: email [GCN-Ball@gmail.com](mailto:GCN-Ball@gmail.com) or call 07795205117